MARCH "92"

GAYSPEAK

THE PIKES PEAK GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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Showcase

C G R A

The state of Colorado and it's inhabitants played a major role in the writing of western history. The ideals od strength, self-reliance, and inner pride live on today embodied in what is known as the western image. It was with reflection on this past, and commitment to a positive future that a group of gay men and women formed the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association in September 1981. In Colorado Springs, a satellite club was formed in September 1987, to give local residents greater access and participation in the state organization.

CGRA is proud to be a member of the International Gay Rodeo Association, which now has more than 14 member associations, and includes more than 18 states.

CGRA is, once again, pulling out all the stops in presenting the tenth annual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo at the Western Stockman's Complex in Denver on the July 4th weekend.

In Colorado Springs, the Pikes Peak United Rodeo will be held April 24th,25th, and 26th. This year's rodeo promises to be bigger and better than the last, with contestants and spectators from across the country.

CGRA of Colorado Springs invites everyone to be part of Southern Colorado's largest gay event, either as a spectator or volunteer. For more information, call 576-CGRA or write to: CGRA-Colorado Springs, P.O. Box 15504 Colorado Springs, Co. 80935

THE OPEN FORUM

The first meeting of the Open Forum was held on Feb. 20th. The topic was bringing men & women together. All 23 in attendance had a lot of input in the open discussion. The talk continued over fresh fruit, homemade pie, and coffee or juice after the forum ended.

Communication between the many diverse groups in the community was found to be the key. Finding common interests was brought up as one way of bringing people together. It was discussed that a firm base was needed as outreach to the community with information about different groups and events. It was felt that PPGLCC is a good vehicle to accomplish this goal. Incresed communication between area organizations and Gayspeak was seen as a need to reach people with information.

Individual involvement in the gay community was seen as an area that needs attention. Bringing friends with you to meetings and events was thought to be a good place to start. A goal was set for everyone to bring two new people to the next Open Forum. The next Open Forum is March 19, the topic is 'THE MANY POLITICAL ISSUES FACING THE GAY COMMUNITY'. It will be very interesting. It might even get a little heated!

Please join us at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon.

471-4GAY
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Antlers Hotel Plaza
60 S. Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 577-4441

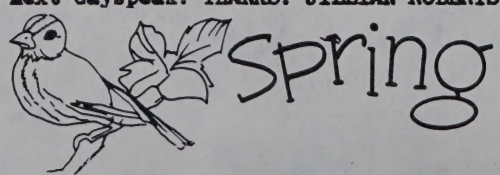
HAPPENINGS FROM M C C

Last month, we had a Mid-central District Committee meeting with Rev. Harrison and Jonelle Neibor in attendance; a special thanks to EXCEL of the Rockies for conducting Sunday worship service in Rev. Harrison's absence. We also started sponsoring BINGO, at the 21st Street bingo: the results are very promising.

March is going to be a very busy month for MCC so hang on! Ash Wednesday service on March 4th, will be held from 7 pm until 7:45 pm, at 2875 Clarendon Dr., "Imposition of Ashes" and Holy Communion. Worship Services will be conducted every Sunday at 5pm, 730 N. Tejon St. with child care provided. Leadership meeting will be held Sunday, the 1st, 3pm. Choir rehearsals, 8th, 22nd, and 29th at 4 pm. Everybody is welcome. The March Board meeting will be held Sunday, the 15th, 3 pm at the church. Bible study will meet the 11th and 25th from 7 to 9 pm MCC bingo at South 21st Street Bingo plays from 12 to 3 pm every Saturday.

Are you thinking of becoming a member of the Metropolitan Community Church faith family? Please contact Rev. Harrison for information. We are in need of volunteers for ushering, choir, bingo, and many other functions within the church, if you can help in any way or need more information, please call the office at 634-3771 or call 391-0110.

Springtime brings on the "I will never do that again" yard sales. We need you to start gathering those items that you no longer need or want, watch for further information in the next Gayspeak. THANKS. JILLIAN ROBERTS



EXCEL IN THE ROCKIES

EXCEL in the Rockies invites you to an exciting weekend of Christian renewal and spiritual growth March 20-22 at the Colorado Lions Camp above Woodland Park.

The weekend begins at 6:30 p.m., Friday and ends about 5 p.m., Sunday. Cost is $60 prior to March 8 and $65 after March 8. A $30 deposit may be paid with the balance payable March 20 This cost includes meals, lodging and materials.

EXCEL is an exercise in Christian community with the ultimate goal of strengthening our spiritual lives and consequently strengthening the lay ministry of the local church.

The EXCEL in the Rockies team is a part of EXCEL, International, a lay program of UFMCC. The EXCEL team consists of members from Pikes Peak MCC, MCC of Pueblo, MCC of the Rockies and EXCEL in the Redwoods. For more information and a registration form, contact Julie Krueger at 594-9825.

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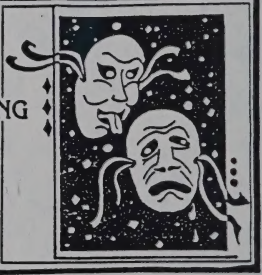

BENT

A nightmarish tale of love and betrayal in the underground homosexual community of Nazi Germany

March 5-8
at the
Upstart Playhouse
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Tickets $8
For More Information
or to Reserve Tickets call
579-6671
635-4802

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PIKES PEAK GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Listed below are a number of activities or projects. Please check the ones you're interested in (and indicate the level of interest). Please check all those that appeal to you--there's no commitment! The Community Center will collate the responses and put people with similar interests in touch with one another. Please fill out this form and return it to the Community Center.

While you're at it, please send a $6 check for a one-year membership to the Community Center (or $10 for a household membership). We hope you agree that building the Community Center is absolutely necessary. Even if you choose not to join, please still return this form.

Activity	Will Help Organize	Do Tasks To Help	Participate Only
Helping the Community Center (generally)			
- Community Building/Planning Process			
- Helpline			
- Gayspeak			
Sports & Outdoor			
- Softball			
- Hiking			
- Bowling			
- Cycling			
- Volleyball			
Monthly Potluck/Game Night			
Monthly Discussion Forum			
Dances			
Dinner Nights Out			
Movie Nights Out			
Gay Pride March			
Gay Parent's Activities			
Monthly Lesbian & Gay Film Night			
Education of Mainstream Community			
Compiling Lesbian & Gay Directory for Colorado Spring			
Adopt-A-Highway Program			
Writing History of Lesbian and Gay Community in Colorado Spring			
Gay Small Business Association			
Women's Professional Network			
Professional (F/M) Network			
Coming Out Group- All Stages			
Peer Counseling			
Bisexuality Support Group			
Other (Tell Us):			

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

To the Editor;

I made a comment, you wanted me to put it in writing, so here it is:

For the last year, I have heard time and time again, "now is a time for healing, and how I wish the straight community would accept us."

I know and understand these feelings as I have felt them myself. I found that when I started pulling down my own walls, removing the barriers, and opening my own mind to other's thoughts that much understandeing and friendships developed with men, women, gay, and straight PEOPLE.

Before we can expect to be acceptted by anyone outside of the gay community, we have to accept each other. We cannot remove a single brick from the great wall dividing our cultures until we wipe out our own little walls and can stand together, not as small groups, but as a people, as a whole.

Heal yourself, tear down your walls, make a friend or two in that other "group". The healing and acceptance of the outside cultures will come in time. It will not happen over night, but it will happen.

Jillian A. Roberts

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News Flash

Yes, we need news! Please send us any information about happenings in the gay community, for publication in Gayspeak. We also encourage letters to the Editor. Please include your name and phone number for verification purposes. Names will only be published when you specifically request it. Send submissions to Gayspeak P.O. Box 574, Colo. Spgs., CO 80901

Games, Conversation, Fellowship and Food
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THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE!!

Planned for the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month.

Opening Thursday, March 12

Potluck - bring a dish

6:30 - 10:00 pm

All Souls Unitarian Church

Dale and Tejon Streets

Call 391-0110 for info

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AIDS & SMALL BUSSINESS

How do small companies handle AIDS education? Not very well, says INC. magazine. According to a Red Cross study of firms with nine or less employees, few employers are prepared to deal with an AIDS-stricken staffer, in spite of the fact that roughly one million Americans---about one in every 250-- are infected. A large number of those polled (86 percent) had no experience with an employee suffering from a serious, longterm medical condition that interfered with ability to work. An astonishingly low number of employers (1 percent) have had an AIDS education session for emplyees. And an equally astonishing number (65 percent) said that they "definitely or probably would not" offer such education.

If you'd like to change those statistics for the better, consider these options. Local American Red Cross chapters all across the country are teaming up with The Centers for Disease Control to supply HIV-education programs aimed at businesses this year. In addition, the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS can supply you with free literature. To order the pamphlet "Questions Employers Ask and Answers You Need to Know" or the booklet "Small Business and AIDS," simply call The National AIDS Clearinghouse at 800-458-5231.

THE COURT OF THE RISING SUN EMPIRE

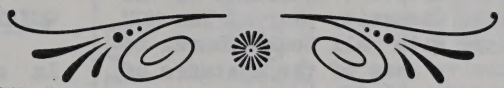
The Black and White Ball will take place on April 16th. Details later.

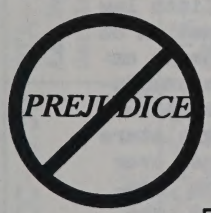
The UCRSE Board of Advisors will meet March 7th. Contact Lyda Rose at the Hide and Seek for details.

Congrats to Popa Doc and Lauren Ashley on a successful Turn About Show!

GOOD TIMES ORGANIZATION

GTO had it's first meeting last month. It was a very good occasion to meet new people . They need your help with ideas and social activities you would like to see here in Colorado Springs. For information about the next meeting or to give input or ideas please contact Laurie at 260-1091 or Alan at 596 4485.





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Just Vote No!

Campaign

Oppose the effort to write discrimination against lesbian, gay and bisexual people into our state constitution!

Join a Colorado Springs - based campaign to fight anti-gay bigotry spawned in our own city.

Help empower our community by taking responsibility for the campaign in your area.

Mantras for the campaign

- *Discrimination hurts all of us*
- *Prejudice has no place in a civilized society*

Just Vote No, Inc.
Norma Berndt, Treas.
P. O. Box 1834
Colorado Springs,
Colorado 80901

WHAT TO DO

- Call Greg at 633-6383, or Norma at 635-4802, to volunteer, to contribute financially, or for further information.
- Attend the town meeting on Thursday, March 19 (7p.m. All Souls Church)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In my abbreviated message this month (abbreviated because I'm rushing to finish a project at work) I want to exhort everyone to join the center. We really need your support to help the center grow, and your support really boosts the moral of the center's officers and staff as well. So, those of you who are members, get two friends to join. And for you readers who aren't members yet--shame on you! Six (or ten if you're a household) lousy dollars to support the community center for a year. What a bargain! Let's hear from you. (see page 3 for app.)

The first Third Thursday Open Forum was held on February 20, and it was a success. Everyone plan to attend this month's forum, on March 19, at 7 p.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church. The subject is lesbian and gay political empowerment, and the feature topic will be the proposed state anti-gay constitutional amendment.

An important new event for March is THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE!, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church. The MCC has arranged with All Souls Church to have exclusive use of the upstairs of the church from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Come early for a potluck dinner, or come a little later for a coffee house/ game night atmosphere. All are welcome, so everyone plan on attending. Call Marion Harrison for further information.

Now get those membership applications in the mail!!!!

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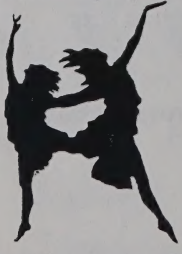

Tuesday - Saturday
10:30 am - 6:00 pm
2525 W. Pikes Peak - C
Colorado Springs, CO
(719) 475-2508

Making a Difference in Our Community

Colorado Community Directory

(303) 830-1275
PO Box 18666, Denver, CO 80218

EVENTS WITH S-CAP

Join S-CAP and their guest speakers for free educational series at noon at the S-CAP office. Pre-registration is required either by calling the S-CAP office at 578-9092. Dates and topics are March 17, The Power of Humor and Healing and April 21, Women and AIDS.

S-CAPS 4th Annual "Comedy Corner Benefit", Tuesday March 10, at 1305 N. Academy. Doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8:00 p.m. Gen. Adm. $10.00 Raffle, too!!!

QUIET JERSEY GAY RIGHTS VICTORY

In an unheralded move Jan. 19, New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio signed into law a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit. The measure was one of a number the lame duck Legislature passed before turning the gavel over to a newly elected Republican controlled body. The bill passed the Assembly by a 46-7 vote and the Senate 21-0. New Jersey gay, lesbian and bisexual rights activists did not trumpet their victory, reportedly to avoid stirring up the opposition. New Jersey is the fifth state-and the largest so far- to pass such a bill.

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GAYSPEAK EVENTS CALENDAR — MARCH 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCC–5:00 1	GLAA–8:00 GLASG–5:30 CGRA BRD. MTG.–6:00 2	BGLACC–6:30 3	OTA–7:00 Ash Wednesday Service-MCC 4	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 "Bent"–8:00 5	GLAA–8:00 CGRA SHOW ● H & S "Bent"–8:00 6	GALAUCCS–6:00 "Bent"–8:00 UCRSE BOA mtg 7
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MCC–5:00 CGRA Chili Cookoff–5:00 ● H&S 29	GLAA–8:00 GLASG–5:30 30	BGLACC–6:30 31	OTA–7:00 April 1	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 2	GLAA–8:00 3	CGRA Volunteer Sign–up ● H&S 4
MCC–5:00 SCAP Safe Sex Sprint 5	GLAA–8:00 GLASG–5:30 CGRA BRD. MTG.–6:00 6	BGLACC–6:30 7	OTA–7:00 PFLAG–6:30 8	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 9	GLAA–8:00 10	11

April

CGRA —Colorado Gay Rodeo Association
BGLACC —Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Colo. College
CMI —Count Me In: Meting Location moves
GIC —Gender Identity Center: Meetings ● H & S
GLAA —Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
GLASG —Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group
The Group —The Group: Gay Educators Pot Luck Social
LCC —Lesbians Choosing Children
MCC —Metropolitan Community Church
MRG —Men's Rap Group
NP —New Phazes
OTA —One To Another
PFLAG —Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
SCAP —Southern Colorado Aids Project

Please call phone contacts listed elsewhere in this issue of Gayspeak, or the helpline, for locations of meetings listed in this calendar.

The Upstart Players are presenting "BENT" March 5–8 at 8:00pm Call 636.2959 for tickets

Mark the weekend of April 24th for the Second Annual Pikes Peak Gay Rodeo

Pikes Peak Gay-Lesbian Community Center

Invites You to attend

The Rites of Spring

$3.00 for Members
$5.00 for Non Members
$6.00 Membership and you get in Free!

March 21st

at the Springs Motor Inn

For more info. call 471-4Gay - 2850 S. Circle Drive

Dancing + Entertainment

Doors Open at 6.p.m.